

1981 until 1997, before coming to HUD, she managed the Clearwater Housing Authority in Clearwater, FL. As its executive director, she took the Clearwater Housing Authority from what had been described as a "shambles" to one of the outstanding public housing authorities in the nation. Recognizing that those most in need of safe and decent housing in the Clearwater community were those in public housing she mustered her inner strength and began cleaning up Clearwater's public housing projects, getting rid of drug dealers, scofflaws, and improving the quality of life for the residents that remained.

Ms. Vincent was also an innovator; under her leadership the Housing Authority established homeownership programs by purchasing condominiums and selling them to qualified public housing residents. Later, recognizing that there was a need for affordable housing for those Clearwater residents that did not qualify for public housing assistance, the Housing Authority purchased a large apartment building and sold the units, at a discount, to those who could not afford to purchase a home at market rates. To this day, Clearwater's Housing Authority is recognized for its innovative housing programs.

At the beginning of this statement I said that Ms. Vincent's death was not only a loss to those who knew her, but also to those that were just beginning to know her, the residents of Baltimore and of Baltimore's public housing. Like them, I know all too well the need for the expertise, spirit and compassion that Ms. Vincent brought to her job in just a few short months with the Baltimore Housing Authority. Let us hope that her example of caring will live on in all of us so that we can achieve great things, as she did as a truly dedicated public servant.●

#### MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

#### EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

#### MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:21 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Hays, one of its reading clerks, an-

nounced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 2505. An act to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit human cloning.

H.R. 1140. An act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries.

The message also announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 333). An Act to amend title 11, United States Code, and for other purposes, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints the following Members as the managers of the conference on the part of the House:

From the Committee on the Judiciary, for consideration of the House bill and the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. SENSENBRENNER, Mr. HYDE, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CHABOT, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. BOUCHER, Mr. NADLER, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

From the Committee on Financial Services, for consideration of sections 901-906, 907A-909, 911, and 1301-1309 of the House bill, and sections 901-906, 907A-909, 911, 913-4, and title XIII of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. OXLEY, Mr. BACHUS, and Mr. LAFALCE.

From the Committee on Energy and Commerce, for consideration of title XIV of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. TAUZIN, Mr. BARTON, and Mr. DINGELL.

From the Committee on Education and the Workforce, for consideration of section 1403 of the Senate amendment, and modifications committed to conference: Mr. BOEHNER, Mr. CASTLE, and Mr. KILDEE.

#### MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 1140. An Act to modernize the financing of the railroad retirement system and to provide enhanced benefits to employees and beneficiaries; to the Committee on Finance.

#### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, which were referred as indicated:

EC-3229. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Maintenance Plan Revisions; Michigan" (FRL7023-2) received on July 31, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3230. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Implementation Plans and Operating Permits Program; State of Missouri" (FRL7024-3) received on July 31, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3231. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Clean Air Act Promulgation of Extension of Attainment Date for the San Diego, California Serious Ozone Nonattainment Area" (FRL7023-9) received on July 31, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3232. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions to the California State Implementation Plan, Bay Area Air Quality Management District and Ventura County Air Pollution Control District" (FRL7008-5) received on July 31, 2001; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-3233. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator of the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Mexican Fruit Fly Regulations; Regulated Areas, Regulated Articles and Treatments" (Doc. No. 99-075-5) received on July 31, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3234. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Revisions of Reporting Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" (Doc. No. FV01-916-3IFR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3235. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Suspension of Provisions Under the Federal Marketing Order" (Doc. No. FV01-930-5IFR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3236. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Kiwifruit Grown in California; Removal of Certain Inspection and Pack Requirements" (Doc. No. FV01-920-1FR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3237. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Program, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Almonds Grown in California; Revision of Requirements Regarding Quality Control Program" (Doc. No. FV01-981-1FR) received on August 1, 2001; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-3238. A communication from the Acting Administrator of the Agricultural Marketing Service, Fruit and Vegetable Programs, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled